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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Secretary of Commerce Kreps  
23 March 1977

Secretary Kreps and I discussed three topics:

1. The provision of greater intelligence support to the Department of Commerce. I pointed out some of the kinds of things we might be able to provide to her, e.g.,

a. information on whether the Soviets are in fact fishing only to their agreed quotas or above or below;

b. information on personalities from abroad with whom the Secretary of Commerce may be having meetings or conferences;

c. background information on the general economic, political and social climate in countries with which the Department of Commerce is having particular dealings.

(1) Mrs. Kreps asked how she could relay requests for this kind of information. I indicated that [redacted] was assigned to learn enough about their Department to be able to elicit such requests and that if they thought them up to begin with, they should contact him or that she should contact me.

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